TODAY'S TEMPERATURE.

- 7 a. m 9 a. m.....
- 11 a. m..... 4
- 12 m...... YESTERDAY'S RECORD.

IN PRINCIPAL CITIES. Chicago, Feb. 29.-7 a. m. temperatures: New York, 40; Boston, 36; Philadelphia, 38; Washington, 38; Chicago, 34; Minneapolis, 28; Cincinnati, 58; St.

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COUNTRY PAPER

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Perry S. Heath returned yesterday from Cleveland, where he went to at-tend the funeral of Senator Hanna.

The Taylorsville basketball team is anxious to play any junior team in the city. Address D. Webster, Taylorsville. The flour stocks in this city are rapid-

ly dwindling, so a prominent dealer asserts, as but few purchases are being made on a rising market. The executive committee of the State Christian Endeavor will begin shortly arranging a program for the next annual convention which will meet in

The state bureau of statistics is sending out blanks containing questions relative to mercantile institutions, to be used in compiling statistics for the current year.

May.

The building of the Westminster col-lege chapel on Eleventh East street is progressing fapidly, and the structure will be occupied by the Third Presbyterian church when completed.

County Clerk James will leave in the morning for Denver to be present at the St. David's day reunion to be held in that city on March 1. Mr. Thomas F. Thomas will accompany Mr. James on

the trip. The Sons of the American Revolution will hold a banquet at the Commercial club April 19, and J. Walcott Thompson, L. H. Farnsworth and John Q. Cannon compose the committee of ar-

The Rev. Benjamin Young ly elected pastor of the First Methodist church, occupied the pulpit for the first time yesterday. Both morning and evening he was greeted by large and

In Friday's "News" a typographical error made one thirty second of a grain of morphine per teaspoonful found in a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's soothing syrup," read 1.32 grains-enough to kill

D. C. Dunbar has received word that the Democratic national committee has headquarters at St. Louis during the convention. The hotel is one of the magnificent new structures erected for the fair period.

drawing water from Utah lake or the mercial club at 10 a. m. next Saturday. The government proposition relative to the water question will be the principal

subject for discussion. The Alta club election Saturday night resulted as follows: President, William Igleheart; vice president, Benner X. Smith; secretary, C. B. Jack; treasurer, Smith; secretary, C. B. Jack; treasurer, Frank Knox; other directors, Hyrum S. Young, Dr. D. M. Lindsay, T. M. Schumacher, C. W. Whitley.

The funeral of Warden George N. Dow of the state prison will be held tomorrow at 2:30 p. m., from the Ma-sonic Temple, under the auspices of Mt. Moriah lodge, No. 2, of which the de-ceased was a member. The Rev. P. A. Simpkin of the Phillips Congregational church will be the principal speaker, and the remains will be temporarily

placed in the Ireland vault at Mt.

Olivet cemetery. the problem which the management of the Utah Light & Railway company is considering relative to the street cars. As there is but the one company there really no need for any relettering; all that is necessary, is the required street signs. In the east it is becoming the fashion to merely paint the num-bers on street cars, and leave off everything else but the usual street sign in-

dications. The W. C. T. U. elected the following officers Saturday afternoon: President, Mrs. E. E. Shepard; vice president, Mrs. George Wake; recording secretary, Mrs. W. O. Duvall; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. H. Tibbals. Gratifying reports were received relative to the prison and jail work, and the Union decided to petition Congress in behalf of the Hep-burn-Dollver bill prohibiting government licenses where local option pre-

At Castle Gate there are now 200 miners and 75 day men at work in the mines. They are inexperienced, as a rule, and the company has 16 older miners feaching the newcomers their occupation. The new men find the work hard at the beginning, but if they stick to it, so they are assured, it will be comparatively easy after a few weeks. About 70 coke ovens are in opsration and others are ready to start up. Within a few days 100 will be

The entertainment committee of the Commercial club decided last evening to hold the first club function the middle of March, in the shape of a musicale for which an interesting program will be arranged. This function will be fol-lowed by a smoker. The committee on advertising and promotion this evening, to plan work for the com-ing year. The board of governors meets tomorrow night, and the committee on water and electricity Wednesday eve-

The state board of health is sending out circular letters to the different poards of county commissioners asking to apportion their ocalities into health districts with suit able inspectors, and to appoint registrars for the collection and preservation of vital statistics. Sample blanks of leath certificates accompany the circular letters, the blanks being based on the forms suggested in the last census, and the county boards are asked to

The failure of importers to put up

wonder in Salt Lake grocery circles, as it was expected that upon the opening of the Russo-Japanese war prices would straightway soar. However, a San Francisco agent in this city says that the coast houses may any hour get to-gether and push prices up, and when they do start, he believes the jump will be about 20 per cent. Moreover, if England and France are drawn into the fight, this will do the tea market up entirely, as this would shut out Chinese, Indian and Ceylonese teas.

There is a shortage of stone at the Federal building. The stone for the course to be laid above the pillar caps has not been quarried, and it will be some time before the quarries are uncovered for the season's work. The government inspector thinks there may be a delay of 30 or more days in fin-ishing the stone work in consequence. There are 15 men now at work cutting, and as about all the stock on hand has been put in shape, the work could be rapidly pushed but for this delay, due, it is said, to a misunderstanding be-tween the contractor and the quarry

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APATHY OF FARMERS.

President Holmes of Commercial Club Says it May Result Disastrously.

Col. Edwin F. Holmes does not like the apathy displayed by officials of some of the canal companies of late on the government's irrigation proposition. He was of the opinion that the enthusiasm of the farmers at first indicated beyond all doubt their desire for improvements and their willingness to meet the government upon a fair basis. It is not true, as some seem to think, that the government has an interest in the thing aside from serving the people. It proposes to do the work at actual cost, permitting the farmers who are to be so vastly benefited to repay the expenditures in 10 annual payments, without interest. Neither have Col. Holmes and Prof. Doremus of the Utah lake and Jordan river improvement committee any personal in-terest in the project. They must have the co-operation of the farmers if the proposition is to succeed.

The whole matter now lies with the farmers directly interested," says Col, Holmes. "If they refuse to act, we can do nothing, and this entire project, which means the adding of \$25,000,000

which means the adding of \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000 to the land values of this valley, will have to be given up.

"And if that happens the larger projects will also have to be dropped. For if the government finds the farmers not sufficiently interested to carry out the smaller plan, it will not lend its support to greater things."

FILE KEEPER FAINTS.

Attack Comes on While He Hopelessly Searches for Past Dates.

The keeper of the files in the Deseret News office, whose duty it has been to get up the "Twenty Years Ago Today" feature, was sent home in an ambulance this morning, suffering an acute attack of nervous prostration. This was the dire result of efforts to find a paper of Feb. 29 to cull events of "Ten Years Ago Today" and "Five Years Ago Today." Going back to 1884, which was also

leap-year, the paper desired was dis-covered. But in the 1894 file the papers appeared Feb. 28, March 1. he thought is unmentionable; what he said is equally so. That the depart-That the department which bound the files should guilty of such glaring negligence as omission of an issue was strongly condemned. That any person might have stolen that paper from the file— Out with him! The file keeper after properly lamentaing the situation turned to five years ago and searched for Feb. 29, 1899. His hair became a little whiter as he ence startling condition. encountered the same "It has come at last," he mused. "I've

Throwing the office keys at the fighting editor, he sank into a seat, and exclaimed: "Plain wood top, 6-foot silver handles, no flowers.

Then the ambulance. It was late this afternoon before the staff discovered the real cause of the tragedy.

JAPS WANT TO STAY.

Those in Wyoming Not Very Anxious To Return to Their Mother Country.

Special Correspondence,

Laramie, Wyo., Feb. 27.-An enlisting officer of the Japanese army has been working among the Japanese section men and coal miners in southern Wyoming, but has met with poor success As a rule the Japs say they do not care to return to Japan and take up arms against Russia. They are earning plenty of money and are satisfied in this country. They say they are under contract to remain in Wyoming for a period of years and that they could not return to Japan if they wished to, un-Yesterday the entire force of yardmer

was replaced by 20 Japs, the company claiming that the Japs are better workmen in that they are more steady. The Japs at Oakley have raised some

\$478 for the purpose of assisting the government in the present war. sum was made up from about fifty Japanese laborers, and is a good indication of the patriotism among the subjects of the Mikado.-Kemerer Camera,

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DOWNWARD COURSE OF YOUNG THIEVES.

Police Uncover Work of a Determined Gang of Juvenile Robbers

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Stores, Postoffice, Shops and Other Places Robbed -- Even the Graves of The Dead Are Invaded.

In the arrest of Andrew Tonnesen, 15 years old, and Francis Parratt, 14, the police believe they have two members of an organized gang of youthful bur-

During the last few weeks several stores have been broken into and quantities of candy, cigars and canned goods have been stolen. Accounts of the burglary of the Fifth Ward Co-op and the store of J. Ashby at Second South and Seventh West, have been published in these columns. From the Fifth Ward Co-op, the thieves stole about \$130 in postal funds, besides \$30 in cash and a quantity of goods.

Young Tonneson was questioned closely by Chief Lynch, but at first denied all knowledge of the affair. Finally he admitted that he knew the boys who did the job. He declared that he had nothing to do with it, but said the other boys told him about it. He implicated Claude Jones, George Bates, Tom Cosgrove, James Edgar, Walter Edgar, R. Husbands and the Parratt boy. It is believed that all but the latter have left the city. A boy named Davis, 14 years of age, is also under arrest on suspicion of taking part in the series of burgiaries. The boy declared that he took no part in the Co-op affair, but admitted he heard the other boys say they got over \$60 from "a stor down south."

He said the boys wanted him to help them in the Ashby job, but that he

did not go with them. PARRATT MAKES CONFESSION.

Believing that Francis Parratt would make a clean breast of the Co-op affair if he were further questioned, yesterday afternoon Sergeant Roberts, accompanied by the Davis boy, went to the county jail and saw Parratt, who is awaiting trial in the district court for incorrigibility. Roberts told the lad all that the Davis boy had said. Young Parratt finally broke down and made a confession. He said:
"Well, I might as well admit that I

know all about the Co-op job, and I will tell you all about it and where the money is. Last Monday night Jim Edgar and I went down to the Fifth Ward store on Seventh South and Third West streets, about 11 o'clock, and broke into the store. We broke the glass out of the big door in front and then Jim handed me an ax and I cut panel out of the inside Jim stood on the outside all the time to watch, and when I stol the things he took them through door and cached them behind the build-ing. I broke into the postoffice de-partment and found \$108 in a small sack. We took the money and divided it between us. I took about \$50 and he took about \$50, but I do not know where Jim is or what he did with the money. But I will tell you where you can find the money I stole. If you will go down to the coal house just a block below my home and look in the corner, where there is a bundle of sacks, you will find about \$00. The rest of the money there we stole out of the Ashby store, and also the knives and money purses."

The officer found the money and the

things just as young Parratt described them. A complaint will be filed against him for the postoffice robbery, and the police will do all in their power to locate the other boys.

LOST FROM GRAY'S SHOP.

The property stolen from Gray' candy store was found by the police yesterday. Officer Sperry went to an old barn on Second West between Second and Third North, and there found the candy, gum and tobacco. The finding of the stuff was the result of a confession made yesterday by Clifford Hill and Clair Shagogue. FLOWERS FROM FATHER'S

GRAVE.

Clifford Hill, a 10-year-old son of the late Thomas J. Hill, who died recently from an attack of appendicitis, was ar rested Saturday evening and charged with petit larceny. The boy confessed that he stole flowers from his father's grave and sold them on the streets. He also admitted that he sold the frames of floral pieces. The boy's father was buried a week ago yesterday in the cemetery. A day or two after, he went to the grave, stripped to flowers and sold them. He is also suspected of being an accomplice of Earl Winsoness and Henry Kay, boys nine years of age, who were arrested on the charge of burglarizing Gray's candy store on South Temple street.

FOR HOUSEBREAKING. A youg man giving his name a James Sorenson, was arrested by De tectives Chase and Raleigh Saturday afternoon on the charge of housebreaking. His arrest was the result of a description given the police by Miss Alice Kee, who resides on Second South

and Fifth East, She was home practising on the piano, but left the room for a few minutes. As she reshe saw a mar leaving through the front door, then discovered that her gold watch, which she had left in the room, was gone. She was frightened but said nothing. Miss Kee watched the fel-low closely and took particular note of his clothing. After he had disap-peared, she sent word to the police and gave a description of the man. The detectives were on their way to see Miss Kee to get further particulars of the affair, when they ran across Sorenson and placed him under arrest. Miss Kee identified him as the burglar.

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